



## Commissioner's Waterman's Apprentice Program Application Form for Calendar Year 2025

*Applicant's age shall be no less than 12 years of age at time of accepted application by program.*

Applicant's Last Name	Applicant's First Name	Applicant's Middle Initial	Applicant's Birthdate:
<b>IF UNDER 18 YEARS OLD PLEASE COMPLETE WITH PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION</b>	Parent / Guardian Last Name	Parent / Guardian First Name	Does the Applicant already possess an MRC ID?  <b>Yes      No</b>  If Yes, provide Applicant's MRC ID:
	Primary Contact Phone number (Check all that apply)		
	Home	Work      Parent/Guardian	
	Secondary Phone # (Optional; Check all that apply)		
	Home	Work      Parent/Guardian	
Mailing Address			
City	State	Zip Code	
Email Address (Applicant):			
Email Address (Parent/Guardian), if applicable:			

### Mentor Information:

VMRC is encouraging all Applicants to work with a Mentor during their Apprenticeship

YES, I have a Mentor(s) (e.g. Commercial Waterman, Licensed Charter Boat Captain, Licensed Seafood Dealer/Buyer, Bait Shop Owner) willing to volunteer and assist me with my Apprenticeship.

NO, I do not have a Mentor(s) (e.g. Commercial Waterman, Licensed Charter Boat Captain, Licensed Seafood Dealer, Bait Shop Owner) and need assistance to find a volunteer to assist me with my Apprenticeship.

If you checked YES above, please provide the contact information below for at least one volunteer Mentor. If you have two or more volunteer Mentors, please provide same information as requested below.

<b>Mentor Last Name</b>	<b>Mentor First Name</b>	<b>Mentor MRC ID (If Applicable):</b>
City	State	Zip Code
Email Address (Mentor):		Mentor Contact Phone number (Check all that apply)
		Home      Work
<b>Secondary Mentor Last Name</b>	<b>Secondary Mentor First Name</b>	<b>Secondary Mentor MRC ID (If Applicable):</b>
City	State	Zip Code
Email Address (Mentor):		Secondary Mentor Contact Phone number (Check all that apply)
		Home      Work

**ALL MENTORS:** To ensure the highest standards of mentorship, mentors undergo a vetting process based on their past history as industry licensees. This includes checks on license purchases and transfers, review of past mandatory harvest reports, current licensed ability to provide training in specific fisheries such as blue crab and public oyster harvest, and inquiries with law enforcement to verify any major violations within the last five years. It is essential that mentors fulfill their responsibilities to support lawful, responsible, and knowledgeable future Watermen.

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS: This section must be completed in a short paragraph form.**

Please describe your interest in the Commissioner's Waterman's Apprentice Program and if accepted, what are your outcome goals?

**SELECT APPLICANTS WILL BE CHOSEN TO MOVE FORWARD INTO AN INTERVIEW PROCESS.**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The information that I have provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge and subject to validation by VMRC. I understand and agree that any misrepresentation, false statement or omission of a fact in my application may be justification for not being accepted into the VMRC Commissioner's Apprentice Program.

If selected for the VMRC Commissioner's Apprentice Program, I will comply with all rules, regulations, and policies of the program, as well as any additional rules the VMRC may provide to you. By signing this application, you agree to abide by these regulations if chosen for the program.

Applicant Signature	Applicant Print Name	Date  Click or tap to enter a date.
Parent / Guardian Signature	Parent / Guardian Print Name	Date  Click or tap to enter a date.

***APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR RECEIVED BY  
EMAIL BY APRIL 30, 2025***

**Please return completed applications through email to:**  
**Commissioner@mrc.virginia.gov**

**Or through mail to:**  
**Commissioner's Waterman Apprentice Program**  
**Virginia Marine Resources Commission**  
**380 Fenwick Rd Ft. Monroe, VA 23651**

**For Questions, please call (757) 247-2200**